

(e) and (f) The records of the Test Survey are complete ; but there are some items of work to be attended to, which are incidental to the closing of the Survey records. The matter is under correspondence with the Survey Superintendent.

Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad.

21. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilarankod cum Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an emergency surgical operation theatre in the Women and Children's Hospital at Taikad ;

(b) whether lady doctors are available at all times of the day and night in the hospital to take up cases requiring urgent operations ; and

(c) whether there were any recent cases in which the delay in carrying out the surgical operation caused the death of the patients ?

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai (*Secretary to Government*) :

(a) No. There are two operation theatres in which all cases requiring operation are operated on whether emergent or not.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

Mr. James Fletcher : May I know whether a suit has been filed in the civil courts regarding the delay in carrying out surgical operation and for compensation for the death of the party?

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai : Sir, I should like to know the period during which the suit is said to have been filed ?

Mr. James Fletcher : 3 or 4 years back.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai : Yes, Sir. There is a civil case pending.

ELECTION TO THE DEBT CONCILIATION COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

President : At the election held yesterday, for the membership of the Debt Conciliation Committee Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai having got 21 votes, is declared elected.

In regard to the election for the membership of the Economic Development Board, Mr. James Fletcher, having got 25 votes is declared elected.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

President : I have received a motion for adjournment of the House and also an application for permission to move a resolution.

[President.]

So far as the motion for the adjournment of the House is concerned, it is sponsored by Mr. Kuruvilla and is in the following terms :—

“I beg to move that the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the deep interest felt by the public in so far as the formation of the new Debt Redemption Committee might delay the introduction of the necessary legislation regarding Agricultural Debt Relief.”

Now, the honourable member Mr. Kuruvilla is sufficiently experienced to know that, generally speaking, all motions of adjournment are handed in on the opening day and therefore, technically, it may be said to be out of order, but as the matter, evidently is exercising the minds of certain persons and as this is a matter to which Government attach great importance, I am willing to stretch a point and allow discussion on the matter so that the intensions and the views of the Government might be made adequately public, and for that purpose, I declare the motion to be in order. I fix the conclusion of the proceedings of today for the discussion of that matter.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE TRANSFERS AND BEQUESTS TO UNBORN PERSONS BILL

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Transfers and Bequests to Unborn Persons Bill, and move that the Bill as reported be taken into consideration.

Mr. Kochickal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha cum Shertalla*) : I second it.

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*) : Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be recommitted to the Select Committee. This is a very important piece of legislation that vitally affects almost all the communities in the State. I do not understand why people following the Mahommedan Law of inheritance are alone exempted from the provisions of the Bill. I cannot see why the law which could not be advantageous to people following the Mahommedan Law of inheritance could be advantageous to people following any other law of inheritance.

Further it is a very important piece of legislation and ever so many mistakes could be committed by placing restrictions in the matter of bequeathing property to unborn persons. I think that the Committee have not gone into all these aspects and I would therefore move that the Bill be recommitted.